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1. IN CONSULTATION PRIOR TO FEB 11 POLADS, UK, FRENCH AND  
U.S. REPS DECIDED THAT WHILE AN AGREED TRIPARTITE STATEMENT  
FOR NATO HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT IN BONN GROUP, OUR POSITIONS  
WERE SO CLOSE WE COULD PRESENT THEM TO THE ALLIES AND REQUEST  
THEIR SUPPORT.

2. AT POLADS MEETING, FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) LED OFF SAYING  
THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN BONN AMONG THE U.S., BRITISH

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AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES, HIS AUTHORITIES COULD CONFIRM THAT,  
AS THE U.S. REP HAD POINTED OUT IN THE FEBRUARY 4 MEETING OF  
THE COMMITTEE, THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES ARE PREPARING CELEBRATIONS  
OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF NAZISM AND THEY HAVE

INFORMED US OF THEIR PLANS TO DO SO. THE FRENCH REP WENT ON TO SAY IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES MAY USE THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE IN ORDER TO MAKE POLITICAL POINTS IN THE PRESENT DAY CONTEXT. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE HAS DECIDED NOT TO BE REPRESENTED IN ANY CEREMONY THE PURPOSE OF WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS CELEBRATING MORE THAN JUST THE DEFEAT OF NAZISM. FURTHERMORE, FRENCH AUTHORITIES WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN ANY MANIFESTATION WHICH COULD AFFECT THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN.

3. THE UK REP (MARGETSON) INTERVENED TO SAY THAT HE SUPPORTED ENTIRELY THE POSITION WHICH THE FRENCH REP HAD OUTLINED. UK REP THEN DISTRIBUTED A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH SAID THE FOLLOWING: "THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES MAY USE THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE IN ORDER TO MAKE POLITICAL POINTS IN THE PRESENT DAY CONTEXT. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCH HAVE AGREED THAT FOR THEIR PART THEY WILL AVOID OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN ANY CELEBRATIONS WHICH APPEAR TO BE DESIGNED TO DO MORE THAN COMMEMORATE THE DEFEAT OF NAZISM. IT IS HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE WILL BE PREPARED TO PURSUE A SIMILAR POLICY."

4. U.S. REP (LEDOGAR) THANKED THE FRENCH AND UK REPS FOR THEIR REPORTS ON THE BONN CONSULTATIONS AND UNDERLINED THE UK STATEMENT EXPRESSING HOPE THAT ALLIES WOULD PURSUE A SIMILAR POLICY.

5. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI), WHO HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED CONSULTATION ON THIS SUBJECT, THANKED ALLIES FOR THEIR STATEMENTS AND EXPRESSED CONFIENCE THAT ROME WOULD REACT ACCORDINGLY.

6. FRG REP (CITRON) WELCOMED THE STATEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF HIS AUTHORITIES FOR THE DECISIONS REACHED.  
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7. BELGIAN REP (BOUCKAERT) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES AGREED BUT ALSO THOUGHT ALLIES IN VARIOUS CAPITALS WHERE CELEBRATIONS ARE PROPOSED SHOULD COORDINATE ON HOW TO REACT TO LOCAL SITUATIONS. U.S. REP EXPRESSED WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CONSULTATION AMONG NATO ALLIES. AS AN EXAMPLE OF A LOCAL CONDITION ON WHICH ALLIES MIGHT COORDINATE, U.S. REP SAID U.S. EMBASSY IN PRAGUE PLANS TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO SEE THAT THE AMERICAN ROLE IN THE LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (INVARIABLY IGNORED IN COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA) IS RECOGNIZED IN ANY CELEBRATIONS OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

8. COMMENT: APPARENTLY SOME BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS AMONG FRENCH AND UK REPRESENTATIVES IN BONN, EVERE AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS PREVENTED THEM FROM AGREEING ON DETAILS OF A JOINT STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT

ON THE ALLIES OF THE FRENCH, UK AND US STATEMENTS IN POLADS WAS IN  
OUR JUDGEMENT THE SAME AS IF THERE HAD BEEN A JOINT STATEMENT.  
MISSION ENDORSES PROPOSAL THAT NATO ALLIES CONFER ON THIS  
SUBJECT LOCALLY WHERE SOVIET CELEBRATIONS ARE PROPOSED AND  
SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SEND MORE DETAILED GUIDE-  
LINES TO ADDRESSEES INCLUDING RECOMMENDATION FOR LOCAL CONSUL-  
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